

millions of Yemenis all across that country. There is absolutely no reason for this, and this should end today.

GET THE LEAD OUT CAUCUS

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the bipartisan Get the Lead Out Caucus, which I started along with my good colleagues, Congressman MEIJER, Congresswoman DINGELL, and Congresswoman BLUNT ROCHESTER. Since launching our caucus earlier this year, we have grown our membership to almost 30 Members of Congress from districts all over our Nation.

Water contamination by lead service lines can be found in every single congressional district in our country. Lead in water is a public health crisis, Madam Speaker, and the solution is only to fully eliminate lead service lines altogether and replace them with safe copper and plastic pipe.

Clean, affordable drinking water is a human right. So, please, I urge my colleagues to join us. Join us in our effort in the Get the Lead Out Caucus to demonstrate a show of force and solidarity that we can and must get lead out of our water once and for all.

CODY ROUGE COMMUNITY ACTION ALLIANCE

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I recognize the Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance for their outstanding service on behalf of the communities of Michigan's 13 District Strong as they celebrate their 15th anniversary.

The Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance was founded to serve the needs and goals of the neighborhood residents, businesses, and organizations. They have worked to create pathways to greater community engagement and to build future leaders through its youth programming and create a better quality of life for all.

Cody Rouge Community Alliance Action has been able to successfully connect thousands of residents to critical resources with the support of the Cody Rouge Faith Alliance. This alliance includes a multitude of instrumental churches in our community as well as neighborhood associations.

So please join me in recognizing the numerous contributions of Cody Rouge Community Alliance on behalf of Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

MOMENT OF SILENCE TO HONOR SHIREEN ABU AKLEH

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, earlier we heard our President at the White House correspondents' dinner say something very powerful that I will share in this Chamber.

President Biden said:

"We honor journalists killed, missing, imprisoned, detained, and tortured; covering war, exposing corruption, and holding leaders accountable."

He further told the journalists:

"The free press is not the enemy of the people—far from it. At your best, you're guardians of the truth."

Today folks woke up this morning all across the world to the killing of Shireen Abu Akleh.

Madam Speaker, let us have a moment of silence as we heard the shock-

ing news of this journalist over 20 years, a Palestinian American killed.

So, Madam Speaker, please, a moment of silence.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will observe a moment of silence.

HONORING MS. MADELINE IN RECOGNITION OF HER SERVICE TO EAST TENNESSEE SENIORS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. BURCHETT) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I don't know if some of the folks in the back there—we have got two more spaces down in front—if you all can't find a place to sit, come on down.

Madam Speaker, I rise to honor my good friend, Ms. Madeline, who recently received the Governor's Volunteer Star Award for her outstanding work helping homebound seniors.

Ms. Madeline is celebrating her 25th year in the AmeriCorps Seniors Volunteer Program and has donated 25,000 hours to our community as a senior companion through the Knox County Community Action Committee Office on Aging.

Homebound senior citizens face a real danger of becoming isolated from their communities. Volunteers at the senior companion program work hard every day to address this issue by visiting with homebound folks and providing them with regular social interaction. Ms. Madeline has helped 43 homebound seniors through her work in this program. She has done shopping and meal prep, provided medication reminders, and she has been a friend to folks who really needed one.

The Governor's Volunteer Stars Award is given to outstanding volunteers around Tennessee in recognition of their service to their communities. I am proud of Ms. Madeline for receiving this award, and it is well-deserved. Congratulations to Ms. Madeline. I thank her for being a reliable companion for dozens of east Tennessee seniors.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JAMES ATKINS, SUPERINTENDENT OF GRAINGER COUNTY SCHOOLS

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to remember the life of James Atkins, the superintendent of Grainger County Schools who passed away on March 27, 2022, at 59 young years.

James spent his career working for the Grainger County School system, and in 2019, he took on the role of superintendent after the retirement of his predecessor, Edward Jarnagin.

As superintendent, he pledged that he would never be too busy to talk to an employee, parent, or student. He knew that the purpose of our school system was to educate and raise up successful students. The kids' well-being was always his priority.

Thanks to Superintendent Atkins' careful planning during the COVID-19

pandemic, Grainger County Schools was named Best for All District by the Tennessee Department of Education. This recognition was granted to schools that responsibly used Federal COVID-19 funds to keep students on track.

As much as James valued his job and the Grainger County Schools system, his family came first. He loved his daughter, Whitney, and his new granddaughter, Carly, with all his heart. They brought him incredible joy, and he was devoted to them.

I wish to extend my condolences to Whitney; Carly; James' mother, Linda; his brother, Jerry; the good folks at Bethel Mission Baptist Church; and the many others who greatly miss him.

Rest in peace, brother.

CONGRATULATING DR. MARTHA BUCHANAN

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate my good friend, Dr. Martha Buchanan, on retiring from her role as director of Knox County Health Department.

Dr. Buchanan said she was 9 years old when she decided she wanted to become a doctor. After years of studying hard, she earned her doctor of medicine from East Tennessee State University's James H. Quillen College of Medicine. She then became a family practice physician which helped her gain experience with fundamental practices that are used in public health.

In 2004, Dr. Buchanan joined the Knox County Health Department as the assistant public health officer. Two years later she was promoted to public health officer. In 2010, she took on the role as the department's director. She has served in that role for the past 12 years.

Dr. Buchanan has certainly earned her retirement from public life, but she will continue to work. She plans to start her own consulting company to help businesses develop strategies to help them stay prepared for health-related emergencies.

I thank Dr. Buchanan for her dedication to Knox County's public health policy for so many years. I wish her the best of luck as she starts this new chapter in her life.

It is not in my notes, Madam Speaker, when I was Knox County mayor, she would always come into our staff meetings and tell us about which restaurants they were going to have to close down. Dadgummit, 2 weeks in a row, both the restaurants that she closed down were restaurants that I had just eaten at the day before. Ironically, I never got sick. So I am not sure about all that.

HONORING SERGEANT RICK LEE, AMERICAN HERO

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I also rise to honor Sergeant Rick Lee, an American hero who served during the Vietnam war.

Sergeant Lee enlisted in the Army on January 19, 1966. He attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri and received his advance individual training at Fort Rucker to become a helicopter mechanic.

After initial training, he was sent to Bien Hwah, Vietnam, as a member of the 118th Assault Helicopter Company. He was promoted to a crew chief and worked on Huey helicopters after 3 months and was eventually promoted to E-5 sergeant. He flew on a wide variety of missions from troop transport to supplies drops, and on many of the missions he was also the door gunner. In 1967, he returned to the United States and served at Fort Steward, Georgia, until he was discharged in January of 1969.

Sergeant Lee was originally from Minnesota, but while stationed at Fort Steward he was invited to go home with a member of his unit to Sevierville where he met a beautiful young woman who would later become his wife. They were married in March of 1968 and have been together for 54 wonderful years. They have three sons who are his pride and joy.

Sergeant Lee also loves the Lord with all his heart, and his faith in God is incredibly important to him. He has been a faithful member of the Grace Baptist Church for 21 years. Our country's heroes are the men and women of our Armed Forces, Madam Speaker, like Sergeant Lee, and I rise to honor him as Tennessee's Second District's May 2022 Veteran of the Month.

NOBODY IS FREE UNTIL EVERYBODY IS FREE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. PRESSLEY) for 5 minutes.

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in solidarity with the one in four women across this country who have had an abortion and every person who will ever seek abortion care; your neighbor, co-worker, family member, those whom you work with, Madam Speaker, and, yes, those whom you worship with, too.

I stand with the mother of three working double shifts to make ends meet, who just could not manage the physical demands of another pregnancy; the student who made the decision to finish their degree and begin their family on their own terms—no shame, no stigma, and no regrets; and the young parents who received the heart-wrenching news that they have miscarried and will need abortion care immediately.

I rise today to proclaim: I see you, I love you, and I stand with you. Carry no shame for your healthcare choice.

The only shame is that there are forces at work to deny you it. And while my heart is heavy, my spirit is resolved and determined.

Madam Speaker, there are many who have arrived at this moment with newfound outrage at the prospect of this reversal of law. But many of us have been in the trenches of this fight for a long time, and we are not surprised. Reproductive justice organizers, Black, Brown, indigenous, disabled, and

LGBTQ-plus folks have been sounding the alarm, raising their voices, and putting our bodies on the line in protest as anti-choice lawmakers across the country wage a full-fledged assault on our reproductive rights and freedom.

For too long, the right to control our own bodies, the right to determine our own fate, and the right to decide if and when we have a child is up for debate in the Halls of power.

Madam Speaker, we have been called hysterical, and we have been called fearmongers, and when I talk about who will disproportionately bear the brunt of this, we have been called race-baiters.

This is no drill, and I take no joy in saying: I told you so.

I have stood on the steps of City Hall in Boston. I have organized on the Boston Common. I have stood at the State House in Boston, and I have stood on the steps of the Supreme Court chanting: "Nobody is free until everybody is free. Liberate abortion."

Madam Speaker, nobody is free until everybody is free. SCOTUS has offered empty words in their leaked draft ruling and then threw up barricades and fences knowing full well that the majority of people who call this Nation home vehemently disagree.

SCOTUS claims that our human rights are invalidated by their opinions of what is and isn't rooted in our Nation's "history and traditions."

A quick history lesson: our Nation's history and traditions denied my very personhood. Our Nation's history and traditions bought and sold my ancestors. Our Nation's history and traditions exploited the bodies of people who look like me.

Our full humanity, our bodily autonomy, and our collective liberation hang in the balance.

Madam Speaker, the Court fails to live up to its ideals and its purpose. The idea of equal justice under the law has been a rallying cry but not a reality for many. The anti-abortion movement in America is rooted in organized white supremacy, and overturning *Roe v. Wade* would only perpetuate cycles of poverty and trap our most vulnerable in systems of oppression.

None of this is abstract. There is a history of medical apartheid in this country against Black, Brown, immigrant, indigenous, and disabled folks. And right now we find ourselves living in a Black maternal morbidity crisis where Black women are three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications than White women—to die.

We have suffered a history of forced sterilization and experimentation on Black, Brown, and disabled bodies without our consent. And now there exists a systemic prospect of folks being forced to carry a pregnancy against their will—forced birth—in the same country where we deprive families with universal healthcare, childcare, and paid medical and family leave.

Abortion bans would put legal, safe, and necessary abortion care out of reach for millions, especially our most vulnerable. So Congress must act. This Democratic-controlled House, Senate, and White House—the majority—must mean more than a talking point, and we must legislate as if lives depend on it, because they do.

To my Senate colleagues on the other side of this Capitol, I ask of you—no, I demand—that you act. We have the voice. We have the power. We have a mandate. It is time for action. Anything else is insufficient.

Abolish the Jim Crow filibuster. Pass the Women's Health Protection Act, which I am a proud original cosponsor of, and enshrine the fundamental human right to abortion care in Federal law once and for all. I cannot stomach one more lecture about the preservation of civil liberties when you seek to deny me the very freedom and agency over my own body.

Nobody is free until everybody is free.

HONORING ROSS BOOKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ross Booker, a 20-year-old tow truck operator and volunteer firefighter who tragically lost his life on March 6 after being struck by a vehicle. He was in the process of assisting Champaign police officers in removing debris from an accident scene.

Ross graduated from St. Joseph-Ogden High School in 2020, earned his FFA American Degree, and attended Parkland College for diesel mechanics. He was a volunteer firefighter with the St. Joseph-Stanton Fire Protection District and set out to live a life of service, and serve he did. Even now, Ross continues to serve through the gift of organ donation.

Ross' firefighter family remembers him as a young man whose passion was inspirational to others. Friends describe Ross as an old soul filled with compassion, hard work, respect, and love for his family and friends.

To honor Ross' life, please slow down and move over for emergency vehicles. In Illinois, it is the law. We call it Scott's Law in honor of another firefighter who was tragically struck and killed in 2000.

My prayers are with Ross' parents, David and Marita; his brother, Anthony; and all of his friends and family throughout the communities he made better with his service. He will be truly missed.

RECOGNIZING BLAKE RODERICK'S RETIREMENT

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Blake Roderick. There is not a more noble career than one devoted to serving others. Blake Roderick did exactly this through his time at the Pike-Scott Farm Bureau.